Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The work is not postponed indefinitely but had to be postponed for want of funds for the time being.

Improvements to the Mullasseri Canal—complaints regarding.

37. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any complaints regarding the improvements to the Mullasseri canal;

(2) if so, have they been attended to;

(3) what are the complaints?

Mr. V. K. Aravindakha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) 1. Complaint from Mr. A. Narayana Menon about the end of May, 1936, stating that the canal is obtructed on account of the bridge work and this has caused flooding on the Karithala and Elamkulam wet lands. On carefully examining the position it was found that there has been no obsructions to the flow in the canal. Urgent action was, however, taken in other directions by way of opening the sluices of Ananthuruthy-chira and its bund itself was cut open. A temporary sluice was also put up at 6/2 of the Hill Palace road to prevent afflux of water during high tides. The fact, however, was that due to exceptionally heavy monsoon far in advance of the usual time in that year the paddy sown had not come up sufficiently high to stand the heavy rain.

2. There were some complaints about the encroachment of land during construction and about the possible damage to adjoining property. These were found not to be true on examination. Some improvement works were, however, done on the canal sides to satisfy these complaints.

3. Complaint from Mr. A. Narayana Menon on 5th Kumbham 1112 for constructing a sluice to prevent ingress of salt water. This was at the time being estimated for and in addition to it the original provision itself contemplated a bund across the canal to be put up during the dry season.

4. Complaint from Mr. A. Narayana Menon on 7th Kanni 1113 about the possibility of ingress of salt water through the

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canal. It was not usual to put up bunds before the close of the North East Monsoon but yet one was put up this year but rains came immediatley after and the bund was not actually necessary at that time.

Parur-Chennamangalam bridge—Construction of.

38. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the Parur-Chennamangalam bridge programmed to be completed originally;

(2) when is it expected to be completed; and the reasons for the delay;

(3) whether there are cartable metalled or gravelled roads in Chennamangalam; and if so, their length?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(1) On the last day of Vrischigam 1112.

(2) By 30th Makaram 1113.

Delay in getting possession of the site required for the work on the Travancore side of the river.

(3) There are no cartable roads.

Land Acquisition proceedings—Maradu-Nettur road construction

39. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether land acquisition proceedings a e complete for the construction of the Maradu-Nettur road;

(2) if not, when would they be completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(1) No. It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member means Mangayil-Nettur road.

(2) In 1114.

Annamalai Road Scheme—Report on.

40. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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